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## BATTLE TO DEATH ABOARD A TRAIN

### Porter and Conductor Shot Through Heart by a Passenger

#### MAKES REFERENCE TO SENATOR CONGER AS A MARTYR

By Associated Press.  
ALBANY, N. Y., March 23.—"A hero, a political and social suicide for the good of his country." This was the wreath placed on the brow of State Senator Ben Conger by his attorney, James Osborne, in concluding argument in the senate investigation of the Conger bribery charges against Senator Allds. "Courage is the heritage of our race," said he, "but none of you would have done what Conger did. Would I leave for my children a stain he is bound to leave upon them for all time? Think of it and tell me why did Conger do it. He got nothing for it but sorrow and misery."

#### CHARGE AGAINST HAYS DROPPED BY PROSECUTION

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—On motion of the prosecution the charge of embezzlement against W. B. Hays, vice president of the Wrecked Union State bank, was dismissed today by Police Judge Conlan. Hays has already been held to answer before the superior on a charge of violating the state banking laws.

#### KILLS WOMAN WHEN SHE REFUSES HIM

By Associated Press.  
MERCED, March 23.—Edward Beril, a miner, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Adelaide Sengs in her home two miles from Pleasant Valley station on the Coulterville road, last night when the woman refused to accept him as a sweetheart. Beril endeavored to clear himself shortly after the shooting, declaring that the shotgun with which the deed was committed was discharged accidentally. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

#### WORKING TO RESCUE MAN BURIED IN WELL

By Associated Press.  
MONROVIA, March 23.—The body of William A. Pickering, who fell into well No. 2 on the Bradbury ranch last night, has not been recovered. Several experienced well diggers and a number of ranchmen have been working faithfully but have gained little headway, owing to the nature of the ground and the danger encountered. The body is on the outside of the casing under 20 to 30 feet of sediment. A hole has been cut in the curbing through the inside.

Numerous councils have been held by the rescuers, who have finally decided to sink a shaft and bring the sediment to the top in scoop shovels. The hope of recovering the man alive has been abandoned. Mr. Pickering was 30 years old and had been employed on the Bradbury ranch for nearly two years.

#### Holds Remaining Passengers at Bay Until Station is Reached When He is Killed by a Posse of Patrolmen

By Associated Press.  
WILMINGTON, Del., March 23.—An exciting battle in which three men were killed and several injured, occurred on a northbound B. and O. train today. The fight began at Newark and ended here. The dead are O. E. Wellman, the conductor of the train, Samuel Williams, a colored porter and J. H. Bethea of Dillon, S. C. Several other persons received injuries from stray bullets. Bethea, who had been drinking, quarreled with the porter and shot him through the heart, killing him instantly. Wellman remonstrated with Bethea and

the latter without a word shot him through the heart. The murderer then stood off the passengers until the train reached Wilmington, where the police demanded that he surrender. For reply he opened fire with an automatic revolver. The police returned the fire and for more than an hour Bethea held the police and posse at bay. The fire department was called and played a stream of water on him through the car windows. Bethea, half drowned, staggered to the platform still firing. He was shot in the face by a patrolman and died almost instantly.

## CAL BROUGHER DENIES ATTEMPT TO BEAR BELMONT

### Only Desires That a Fair Minded Board of Directors be Elected at the Coming Stockholders' Meeting.

"I desire it distinctly understood that my action in asking for the proxies of the Belmont stockholders to vote at the annual meeting, is simply one whereby every shareholder will be benefited," said H. C. Brougher, western director of the company, yesterday afternoon. "It is not my intention to bear the stock for that is a policy I would never pursue. One of my large interests in the mining industry lies in the Belmont and I will use every endeavor at the coming meeting to see that a board of directors is chosen so that legitimate mining can be pursued. Every cent taken out of the ground will be used for the benefit of the stockholders, and with the right policy in vogue there are no reasons why dividends should not be resumed. "The Belmont today is richer than ever, since the new ore body was opened up on the 1100-foot level. There was a rumor afloat today that my actions were bearish and were responsible for the slight decline in the price of Belmont on the stock exchange. This is false; I believe in Belmont and the stock, in my opinion, is selling for less than it is worth. "Night before last I inspected the huge ore bodies in the Belmont. Developments show that the ledge is extending in length. The stopes prove that it is extending upward, and it is assured that the ore goes down, so, with all these assurances, the mine, to my mind, is greater, richer and better than ever. "In my letter to the stockholders I have given the facts. The annual meeting at Camden, New Jersey, will determine the policy that will follow."

## A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE WILL NOT BE DECLARED

By Associated Press.  
PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—With the decision of the state labor organization not to declare a sympathetic strike and the return to work of many of the sympathetic strikers, the situation has settled down to a question of endurance between the striking car men and the company. The company now has nearly all of its lines in operation and claims to have 1,300 cars running. The union claims not more than 650 cars were in operation any day since the strike began.

#### RECEIVER'S REPORT.

CARSON CITY, March 23.—The report of Receiver Wildes of the state Bank and Trust company was yesterday read in Judge Langan's court in this city. The report was read by Attorneys Mack and Herr of Reno and at the close of the reading objections to the filing of the same were filed by Attorneys Roberts, Ailing and Stanford.

## KETCHEL AND KLAUS FIGHT SIX ROUNDS TO DRAW

By Associated Press.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 23.—Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion, did well to get a draw in his six round bout tonight with Frank Klaus, a local boy, before a large crowd. In the first three rounds Klaus led without a return. The last three rounds were slow and uninteresting.

In an interview in the Reno Journal Governor Dickinson declares he will resist to the utmost the efforts of the New York brokers to force \$400,000 of the worthless North Carolina bonds on the state for the purpose of forcing their collection by the state for the benefit of the rich holders. The governor gives good reasons for his refusal to lend the assistance of the state to the objectionable scheme. He has employed Attorney Ailing to represent the state in the supreme court.

Something to sell? Try the Bonanza.

#### BIDS WERE NOT OPEN FOR INSPECTION

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Secretary Ballinger today telegraphed the local officials that the report on the Hetch Ketchy valley matter, made by Engineers Hopson and Hill, was not open for inspection.

#### MYSTERY SURROUNDS SHOOTING AFFRAY

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 23.—Mark Lamb awaited the home coming of Michael Schultz this morning from the smelter at Pirtleville where he was employed, accosted him, and a moment later drew a revolver and shot him through the abdomen. Schultz ran forty yards, Lamb following and shooting him twice through the back. Any one of the three wounds would have been fatal. Schultz fell, face downward. Lamp then approached the prostrate man and fired another bullet into his head. The tragedy was witnessed by two Mexicans. Lamb came into this city from Pirtleville and gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff Hilburn. Lamb's wife four years ago awaited the return home of a neighbor, also a smelter employee, and aiming by the light of his bicycle lamp, shot him dead. She was acquitted.

The cause of the tragedy is not known.

Watch the "Enterprising Clerk" at the Butler today.

## Jack Johnson Spends Five Hours In Prison Cell

By Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, March 23.—Jack Johnson spent five hours today in a cell in the Tombs prison. Tonight he is free again, but gloomy, for not only was he locked up for nearly half the day, but while dancing and singing in the prison a process server thrust through the bars a summons in a suit for \$1,758 and costs, brought against him for the alleged repudiation of a theatrical contract, to appear in Kansas. "This looks like a rough deal," said Johnson as tears came to his eyes. "I am here under a court order and now they take this action against me." Johnson's bail in the case in which he is charged with beating Norman Pinder, colored, was increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and he was locked up until he raised the money.

## MAINE WILL BE RAISED IF BILL PASSES SENATE

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The hulk of the battleship Maine will be raised so that the remains of the sailors within the wreck may be removed, if the senate approves the bill as passed by the house today. The dead will be interred in the Arlington cemetery and the mast of the ship will be erected near the graves. An examination will be conducted to discover the manner in which the vessel was destroyed.

#### "BILLIONAIRE SPECIAL" TO TAKE WEALTHY PEOPLE EAST

By Associated Press.  
PASADENA, Cal., March 23.—Santa Fe officials are planning to send a novel train eastward from Pasadena on Friday, the "billionaire special." It will be called. It will run direct from Pasadena to New York with a stopover at the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Six private cars will be occupied by the Andrew Carnegie party; Mrs. Russell Sage and Major and Mrs. Slocum; Edwin Gould and his family; W. Z. Webb and party, and other New York financiers, who

## HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE NAMED BY REPUBLICANS

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, March 23.—With only the friendliest sort of rivalry the republican caucus tonight selected six members of the rules committee apportioned to the republican majority of the house. The following, all of which are members of the "regular" ring of the party, were selected: Smoth of Iowa, Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Lawrence of Massachusetts, Fassett of New York, Smith of California and Boutell of Illinois. They represented the slate prepared by Tawney of Minnesota, after numerous conferences with the regulars and the insurgents. The balloting was done informally.

#### CREW PERISH WHEN SCHOONER GOES ASHORE

VANCOUVER, March 23.—The schooner Arthur B., bound from Tacoma for Nanaimo, B. C., floundered off the Fraser River lightship last night during the storm, and Captain McCanahan, and the crew of five men perished.

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—St. Mary's College, 6; Chicago No. 2, 0.

## Many Tales of Pittsburg Garfing Conspiracy Told

By Associated Press.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 23.—Nine more men, conscience stricken over taking money for their votes, appeared before Judge Fraser and after telling all they knew of the councilmanic graft conspiracy, had their sentences postponed. William Brand, former president of the common council, one of the ring leaders, according to confessions of the others, has made a statement to the district attorney. J. C. Wasson, who is in the penitentiary, also made a confession to the grand jury. He wept like a child during his recital while John Klein, the

arch confessor, tried to soothe him. With complete statements from Brand, Wasson and Klein, the principals in the conspiracy, it is said the district attorney is ready to proceed against the bribe givers, while no names have been given out, Wasson's statement is said to implicate many prominent men. Already an "anti-jury fixing" crusade has been commenced by the district attorney. Today five men were literally yanked from the court room by detectives. It is said they were busy with bribe money for the jurors about the court room. Other arrests are expected.

## HIGH RATES OF FIRE INSURANCE DUE TO TRUST

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Alleging that 110 of the largest fire insurance companies in the west have formed a trust for the purpose of keeping up the exorbitant rates, Leo Pockwitz, an insurance broker, began a legal action today. He avers the companies comprise the Fire Underwriters of the Pacific. He was granted a temporary order by Judge Graham to prevent the underwriters from fining him for making rates lower than those decreed by the alleged trust.

#### TWO ELECTROCUTED.

LOVELAND, Colo., March 23.—Daniel O. Fryberger and E. J. Calhoun, employees of the National Colorado Power company, were electrocuted this afternoon while dismantling a motor from the main wire and Harry Barnes, a lineman was terribly burned. The two wires accidentally came into contact.

## THREE WORLD'S RECORDS BROKEN BY OLDFIELD

By Associated Press.  
DAYTONA, Fla., March 23.—Barney Oldfield today broke three world's records. He drove his 200 horse power Benz two miles in 58.85. He drove a kilometer in 17.04 and made a mile in 40.35 in a Knox car, making a new stock mark.

#### OIL WASTED.

By Associated Press.  
LOS ANGELES, March 23.—Rain that is general over southern California began falling at 6 o'clock last night and continued throughout the night. A high wind accompanied the rain. At Bakersfield the wind swept the oil fields, causing damage to the extent of \$20,000. The gusher at Lakeview that has been spouting 200 feet into the air spread a flood of oil over the rigs and houses adjacent, painting them a deep black. It is estimated that 24,000 gallons of oil was wasted.

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Major General Bell, who was injured in an automobile accident in which Mrs. Herbert Slocum, wife of Major Slocum, was killed, was resting comfortably tonight. One of his ribs was broken and he suffered some scalp wounds, but no internal injuries have been discovered and no complications have set in.

Mr. and Mrs. Benham, of Virginia City, who have just departed for their new home in the east, did not forget their pet cats, and before leaving boxed them up and sent the pussies ahead by express. One of the felines had attained the ripe old age of 15 years, and there is some speculation as to whether the two Comstock cats will not have to be possessed of the proverbial nine lives to reach their destination still drawing the breath of life.—Carson News.

have been spending part of the winter in California.

In addition to the private cars there will be a sleeper for servants, an auxiliary refrigerating car and a car for automobiles.

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